

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph on Page ~~8~~⁴, after line 8, as follows:

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Fig. 3C is a flow chart of an automated order entry process.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 12, line 28 as follows:

According to one embodiment, the invention provides an automated electronic catalog and catalog process in a structured data format. As shown in Fig. 3A, the invention includes providing data file 310 via the communication medium 250 to a customer server ~~252~~254.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 12, line 29 as follows:

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Referring now to Fig. 3B an example of customer database ~~400~~ 370 is shown, including procurement system ~~420~~ 371, coupled to server ~~430~~ 372. Customer server ~~430~~ 372 is shown coupled to communication medium 250. The customer's server ~~430~~ 372 receives the data file 310, which optionally includes data, application data, and business rules. In one embodiment, data file 310 includes software or code for programming a software system to accommodate the data within the data file 310. Data file 310, in one embodiment, includes catalog data and business rules for manipulating the catalog data. In an exemplary embodiment, the business rules are in a structured data format and provide rules for manipulating the data include functional rules as well as configuration rules for integrating the catalog data into a procurement system or other system.

Applicants draw the examiner's attention to Page 31, beginning on line 1 where Figure 4B is discussed in the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 17, line 7, as follows:

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Referring now to Fig. ~~3D~~ 3C, a method ~~3D~~ 3C-50 in accordance with an embodiment is shown in a block diagram. The method begins with block ~~3D~~ 3C -51 with a customer receiving a data file. The data file optionally includes application data and structured data. Block ~~3D~~ 3C-52 continues the method with a customer incorporating the electronic data file into procurement

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system 440. Block ~~3D~~ 3C-53 continues the method with the customer using the data file to configure products, optionally including non-commodity products such as services and the like. For example, the configurable products include products like computer systems and related components, wherein the data file is a catalog of components that allow the customer to host the catalog and configure products. The customer's ability to host the catalog and configure products enables the customer's procurement system to generate purchase orders that use the same data as that used by the manufacturer or the party representing one or more manufacturers. Thus, according to an embodiment of the invention, the data file provides codes to be shared by the procurement system of the customer as well as the manufacturer or a third party invoicing system.
